

## AROUND THE REGIONS

### Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) Senior Service College Fellowship (SSCF) Holds Commencement Ceremony for Fourth Graduating Class

Eight graduating fellows received their SSCF program diploma and a Master of Arts degree from Webster University in a ceremony held May 21. The ceremony celebrated the completion of the 10-month program of study focused on leadership and acquisition.

The event was attended by more than 60 friends, family members, SSCF alumni, and distinguished guests, which included seven locally serving members of the Senior Executive Service (SES). Participating in the ceremony were guest speaker Army Lieutenant General William N. Phillips, Principal Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) and Director, Career Acquisition Management; **Judy Fleming**, Acting Dean, Capital and Northeast Region; and Dr. Carl Richards, Faculty Coordinator, Webster University.

In her welcoming remarks, ceremony host Dean Fleming explained that "The program permits participants to focus on developing their leadership skills and equips them for positions of greater responsibility." Fleming congratulated the fellows on their accomplishments and thanked the

APG community for its continuing strong support of the fellows and the SSCF program.

Diploma recipients include Chris Addison, Lowry Brooks, Jr., Yen-Chou Chou, Larry Franz, Ken Lorentzen, Larry Muzzelo, Gail Soubie, and Lindsay Yowell. In addition to the SSCF requirements, and unique to this class, each of the eight fellows also completed five Webster University courses to earn a Master of Arts degree in Management and Leadership.

In his keynote address, Lt. Gen. Phillips discussed the importance of civilian education, mentorship, described the critical role played by the acquisition community in supporting the warfighter and the mark that the graduates would make on the workforce as senior leaders. Lt. Gen. Phillips closed by congratulating the fellows for their hard work and their willingness to participate in the fellowship program.

During the 10-month program the fellows completed the Program Managers Course (PMT 401), Leading in the Acquisition Environment (ACQ 450), Forging Stakeholder Relationships (ACQ 452), Leader as Coach (ACQ 453) and a National Security

module taught by Professor Len Fullenkamp, Department of National Security and Strategy, U.S. Army War College; conducted numerous industry and governmental organization visits, heard from multiple senior leaders that included numerous general officers and SES members; and went on a wide variety of warfighter-focused visits including the National Training Center, Joint Readiness Training Center, U.S. Central Command, and U.S. Special Operations Command, to name but a few of the program's activities. The fellowship culminated with an enterprise get together at Gettysburg, Pa., where the fellows participated in a battlefield staff ride with Fullenkamp. There the fellows learned about the importance of leadership; how one determined leader can make a significant difference; decision-making; leading and managing changes; and the concept of commander's intent. At the end of the day, the fellows concluded that senior leader actions demonstrated on the battlefield 150 years ago remain relevant and useful for all the fellows as they move on to their future assignments.

### Happy 70th Birthday, Dean Zaleski *by Donna Seligman*

West Region's Dean **Andy Zaleski** celebrated a major milestone May 13. His odometer hit the 70 mark and he's still going strong. Most of us are amazed at this high-energy level, but we've come to learn that his commitment and love for DAU fuels his work engine. As a testament to his determination and drive (other than living right across the street), he arrives early and normally beats everyone else to work. His think tank is always full and he always has a concept car on the drawing board. On his special day, San Diego faculty and staff members' first surprise attempt to acknowledge this auspicious occasion stalled, as he had to take a work call. After a second attempt, the photo below captured the successful covert action. During this mini-celebration, faculty and staff members ate cake and belted a few birthday songs to mark this major milestone.



Dean Andy Zaleski (far left) celebrating his 70th birthday with faculty and staff members (photo composited).